

**TIVERTON PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 7, 2014**

Chairman Stephen Hughes called the regular meeting of the Tiverton Planning Board to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 343 Highland Road. Members present were: Patricia Cote, Rosemary Eva, Carol Guimond, Peter Corr, David Holmes, Peter Moniz and David Saurette (arrived at 7:35). Vice Chairman Stuart Hardy was absent.

Also in attendance were: the Planning Board's Clerk and Administrative Officer Kate Michaud, Planning Board's engineering consultant Deirdre Paiva of Commonwealth Engineers and Consultants and the Planning Board's Solicitor Peter Ruggiero, Esq.

1. Sandywoods Land Trust, LLC – c/o Stephen Ostiguy – Church Community Housing – 50 Washington Square – Newport, RI 02840 – Release of Surety and Escrow Funds – Cornell Road / Roosevelt Avenue Accepted (12/9/13) – Letters of Credit: \$100,000 (Improvements) & \$75,910 (Inspections) – Escrow: \$6,972 – S/S Bulgarmarsh Road (Route 177) – West of Crandall Road – R-60 Zoning District – Sandywoods Farm (Comprehensive Permit) Church Community Housing Executive Director Stephen Ostiguy was present on behalf of the petition. He noted that the Town Council had formally accepted Roosevelt Avenue and the extension of Cornell Road in December. He requested release of surety in accordance with the requirements of the Land Development and Subdivision Regulation. Ms. Eva made a motion to grant the request for release of surety. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hughes, Ms. Cote, Ms. Eva, Ms. Guimond, Mr. Corr, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Moniz voted in favor. (Mr. Saurette did not vote as he was not present at the time of the vote.)

2. Town Planner & Administrative Officer

A. Administrative Officer's Report Ms. Michaud's report was distributed.

B. Construction Update:

- 1. Stafford View Farm** A brief update was given on the work at Stafford View Farm, which was limited to tree clearing at this time.
- 2. Tiverton Public Library** Periodic inspections by Ms. Paiva indicated that work was proceeding in accordance with the Site Plan.

C. Town Planner Items

- 1. Challenge Grant Project: Next Steps** Ms. Michaud noted that copies of the draft report and a request for comments had been sent to various boards, commissions and departments in accordance with the wishes of the Board and the Town Council. A response was requested by January 15. After that date, this item would appear on the agenda for further discussion.
- 2. Update: Stone Bridge Abutment Repairs** The 30% design was under review by RIDOT (RI Department of Transportation).

D. Miscellaneous A letter from the RIDEM (RI Department of Environmental Management) Wildlife Action Plan (WAP) liaison was distributed. There was no discussion.

3. Tiverton Planning Board

A. Solicitor's Report (Site Ready Appeal) Mr. Ruggiero stated that January 23, February 5 and February 25 had been set aside as meeting dates by the Planning Board of Appeals (Zoning Board) to hear the appeal of the Site Ready Master Plan denial. Mr. Ruggiero stated that on January 23 the PBA would determine the process for the appeal and would set timelines for memos and legal arguments.

B. Election of Officers Ms. Cote made a motion to reelect Stephen Hughes as Chairman and Stuart Hardy as Vice Chairman. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. Mr. Hughes, Ms. Cote, Ms. Eva, Ms. Guimond, Mr. Corr, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Moniz and Mr. Saurette voted in favor of the motion.

C. Quarry Licenses – Status of Applications & Draft Revisions to Ordinance The draft revisions to the Earth Removal Ordinance were reviewed page by page. Setback requirements in other communities were discussed, including Exeter and Gloucester. The Board members indicated that they would like more information on requirements in other RI towns. Ms. Michaud and Mr. Ruggiero agreed to work together to gather and distribute this information.

D. Correspondence

- 1. Invitation to Sea Level Rise Work Session – January 9 @ 10 AM** The invitation letter was distributed. The work session would be held at Town Hall and RSVP's were requested.
- 2.** A letter from **Armory Revival Company** regarding future phases of the **Bourne Mill** project was distributed. The letter indicated that the company intended to proceed with future phases of the plan at a schedule to be determined by the market.
- 3.** A copy of a letter from attorney Jeremiah Leary regarding **the public improvements at Cottrell Farm** was distributed, along with a response from Ms. Michaud. The response outlined the requirements for acceptance of public improvements as stated in the Land Development and Subdivision Regulations.
- 4. Wind turbine information** received from Board member Mr. Moniz was distributed to the rest of the Board members.
- 5.** A notice from Statewide Planning regarding the **State's rail plan** was distributed. Mr. Moniz expressed his displeasure that the bike path plan for the railroad right of way was not included in the draft plan.

E. Miscellaneous

- 1. Wind Energy Generation Facilities – Update from Subcommittee** There was no update at this time.

F. Approval of Minutes:

September 3, 2013 Mr. Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Cote seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0-1. Mr. Hughes, Ms. Cote, Ms. Eva, Ms. Guimond, Mr. Corr, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. Saurette voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Moniz abstained since he was absent on September 3.

October 1, 2013 Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Guimond seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Hughes, Ms. Cote, Ms. Eva, Ms. Guimond, Mr. Corr, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Moniz and Mr. Saurette voted in favor of the motion.

October 8, 2013 (Workshop) Mr. Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Eva seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0-1. Mr. Hughes, Ms. Eva, Ms. Guimond, Mr. Corr, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Moniz and Mr. Saurette voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Cote abstained since she was absent on October 8.

October 15, 2013 (Special Meeting) Ms. Guimond made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hughes, Ms. Cote, Ms. Eva, Ms. Guimond, Mr. Corr, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Moniz and Mr. Saurette voted in favor of the motion.

November 5, 2013 These minutes were not ready.

November 19, 2013 (Special Meeting) These minutes were not ready.

December 3, 2013 These minutes were not ready.

G. Adjournment: Ms. Eva made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holmes. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hughes, Ms. Cote, Ms. Eva, Ms. Guimond, Mr. Corr, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Moniz and Mr. Saurette voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

(Italicized words represent corrections made on the approved date.)

Submitted by: _____
Kate Michaud, Clerk

Approval Date: draft

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